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**MRS. M. F. WALLACE**

**RECEIVES BIRTHDAY LETTER**

*Sept. 11, 1942*  
This poem was written and dedicated to Mrs. W. F. Wallace on her eighty-second birthday by her grandson, Private Willis Diel. He is in the 313th Bomb squadron, MacDill field, Tampa, Florida.

Grandma your age is by now eighty-two,

That's a long time under the red,  
white and blue,

I've seen several Americans since I've  
been around

But you're one of the best that I've  
ever found.

You've had your dark spots and sor-  
rows to spare,

In fact sometimes it looked like more  
than your share,

But you were the one to hunt a bright  
spot,

And in times like this that helps a  
whole lot.

You've been good to mom and all of  
us kids,

You've listened to our stories and  
laughed at our fibs,

This I'll say if I live to be eighty-two,  
Then I hope I'll have lived half as  
good as you.

Here's two wishes I hope will come  
true,

They might too as wishes sometimes  
do—

I hope we push Hitler from all foreign  
shores,

And that you live on just 100 years  
more.